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A non-responsive amendment letter attached.

***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed on March 8, 2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Independent claim 7 is amended adding new limitation "said metallic electrodes and the mating conductors are disposed so as to be overlapped on each other, and a surface area of this overlapped part is larger than a sum of sectional areas of the metallic electrodes and sectional areas of the mating conductors" and stated that support for the amendment to the claim could be found on page 56, line 2-14 and figures 8A-10, for example. However, on careful review of the case, it was noticed that the figure 8A-8D, discloses different specie than that disclosed by figure 9A-9C. Therefore, the amended claim 7 does not read on the elected specie of figure 9A-9C but rather read on the specie of figure 8A-8D and therefore distinct from the claim previously examined.

As 35 U.S.C. 132 (b) and 37 CFR 1.114 provide continued examination of an application (and not examination of a continuing application, the applicant cannot file an RCE to obtain continued examination on the basis of claims that are independent and distinct from the claims previously claimed and examined as a matter of right (i. e. applicant cannot switch inventions), see 37 CFR 1.145.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ishwar (I. B.) Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272 1933. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:30 - 5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on (571) 272 1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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